

REMARKS

Status of Claims

The subject application was originally filed with 18 claims. Presently, claims 1–18, remain pending.

Summary of Restriction Requirement

In the Restriction Requirement dated June 29, 2010, the Examiner indicated that the subject application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct or independent inventions:

Group I: Claims 1-7 drawn to a tube retainer;

Group II: Claims 8-12 and 14-16 drawn to a method of manufacturing a tube retainer;

Group III: Claims 13, 17, and 18 drawn to a method of retaining a tube.

In view of the above, the Examiner has requested that Applicant elect a single group of claims to be examined.

Election

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant hereby elects the group designated by the Examiner as Group I namely claims 1-7 for examination. This election is made without traverse.

CONCLUSION

With the above election, the Application is now in condition for examination and allowance on the merits. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's attention to this matter. While no additional fees are believed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any needed fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-2051 referencing attorney docket number 29793-1.

Respectfully submitted,

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